

May 3, 1977

LR 77  
LB 531, 161, 161A,  
486, 486A, 516, 38

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I move that LB 531, as amended, be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: There is a report. Your Enrolling Clerk reports that she did, on this day at 2 o'clock, present to the Governor LB 161, 161A, 486, 486A, and 516. Signed, Barbara Jackson, Enrolling Clerk. Mr. President, LR 77, calling for a study by the Legislature to determine what property located within a jurisdiction of the United States might be subject to personal property tax. To be referred to the Executive Board. That is all, Mr. President.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I move the E & R amendments to LB 38 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. Motion carries.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, we have a series of amendments on LB 38. The first one, Mr. President, is offered by Senator Barnett. It's found on page 1712 of the Journal.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, first of all I'd like to....

CLERK: These may not be in the right order.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going to ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendments found on page 1509 and 1510.

CLERK: Well I've got some ahead of you, Senator Barnett. Mr. President, the first amendment to Article 1 is offered by Senator Kelly. This is found on page 1609 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is an easy to understand amendment, but it is of a far-reaching consequence. It simply raises the penalty when there is a crime against a person, and the victim is 65 years old or older, whatever the penalty would be for that crime, this amendment would raise the penalty one notch. We, who are acquainted and in sympathy with the elderly, recognize them as "defenseless citizens". It would appear to me, and I hope to you, that this part of our population, our citizenry, needs extra protection from the beatings and the purse snatching, and the rapes that are perpetuated against them strictly because they cannot run, they cannot hide, they cannot defend themselves. The amendment is simple to understand. I encourage your support.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to oppose this proposed amendment. It sounds simple, but who is to say that snatching the purse of an active 65 year old is any really worse than snatching the purse of a 64 year old who has a broken hip, and who is on crutches. There is no easy answer for this. This has been worked on for a number of years. I feel that it should be passed without adding these kinds of amendments on Select File. If Senator Kelly feels strongly then I would suggest that he come back

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